

REMARKS

By this amendment, claims 1-4 and 6 have been canceled. Thus, claims 5 and 7 are now active in the application. Reexamination and reconsideration of the application are respectfully requested.

The specification has been carefully reviewed and revised to correct grammatical and idiomatic errors in order to aid the Examiner in further consideration of the application. The amendments to the specification are incorporated in the attached substitute specification. No new matter has been added.

Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the changes made to the specification by the current amendment. The attachment is captioned "Version with markings to show changes made."

In item 2 on page 2 of the Office Action, the Examiner indicated that Fig. 7 should be labeled as "Prior Art". However, the Examiner's attention is directed to replacement drawing sheets filed on April 4, 2006 together with a Preliminary Amendment. Of these replacement sheets, the first sheet is a replacement for Fig. 7, and is effective to label Fig. 7 as "Prior Art". Copies of these replacement sheets are submitted herewith for the Examiner's convenience. However, it is noted that, upon a review of the U.S. PTO PAIR system, the replacement drawing sheets are present in the image file wrapper.

Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to indicate approval and entry of these replacement drawing sheets.

In item 5 on page 4 of the Office Action, the Examiner kindly indicated that claims 5 and 7 are allowed. Accordingly, in order to expedite allowance of this application. Claims 1-4 and 6 have been canceled, leaving only the allowed claims 5 and 7. A few minor revisions have been made to claim 5 merely to improve the form of the claim. However, the claim has not been substantively changed.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is clearly in condition for allowance. An early notice thereof is earnestly solicited.

If, after reviewing this Amendment, the Examiner feels there are any issues remaining which must be resolved before the application can be passed to issue, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner contact the undersigned by telephone in order to resolve such issues.

Respectfully submitted,

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Attachments: Replacement Drawing Sheets (Fig. 7 and Reference Marks in the Drawings)
Substitute Specification (Version with Markings)
Substitute Specification (Clean Copy)